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IN RE APPLICATION OF: NAPOLEONE FERRARA, ET AL.

SERIAL NO.: NEW CONTINUATION APPLICATION

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FOR: IMPROVED ANGIOGENESIS USING HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, and to advance the prosecution thereof, please amend the above-referenced application in the following manner.